House Resolution No. 864

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Cottey of Lancaster, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninety-fifth Birthday with a special family gathering on March 4, 2004; and

Whereas, on March 4, 1909, in Lancaster, God brought a special gift to Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Higbee with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Elizabeth, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, Elizabeth Cottey was born the same year that the Indianapolis Motor Speedway held its first race on a dirt track, William Howard Taft was inaugurated as the twenty-seventh President of the United States, and W.C. Handy wrote Memphis Blues; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Elizabeth Cottey will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage to Judge L.F. Cottey (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Elizabeth Cottey with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include the late Louis Francis Cottey, Dr. John H. Cottey of Dallas, Texas, and James E. Cottey of Lancaster; and twelve grandchildren, two of whom are angels in heaven; and

Whereas, a member of the Lancaster Christian Church, Elizabeth Cottey is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Elizabeth Cottey at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Elizabeth Cottey, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by
Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1
I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 864, adopted March 2, 2004.